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Stated Meeting, Nov. 17, 1846.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Casts of *Charcharodon Mortoni*, Gibbes, *C. rectidens*, Agassiz, and *C. megalodon*, Ag., from the Eocene of South Carolina. From Dr. R. W. Gibbes, of S. Carolina.

Tooth of a *Mosasaurus*, from New Jersey. From Dr. Hallowell.

Specimen, in spirits, of *Mantis religiosa*, from Caraccas. From Dr. Goodall, through Dr. Hallowell.

A series of Iron ores, from Nova Scotia. From Prof. Johnson.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Memoir on the *Megatherium* and other extinct gigantic quadrupeds of the coast of Georgia; with observations on its geological features. By Wm. B. Hodgson. New York, 1846. From the Author.

Ancient Egypt, her Monuments, History and Archæology, and other subjects connected with Hieroglyphical Literature. By Geo. R. Gliddon. 10th edition, with an Appendix. From the Author.

A monograph of the fresh-water univalve Mollusca of the United States. By S. S. Haldeman. Nos. 7 and 8. From the Author.

Dr. A. L. Elwyn presented the following:

Some account of the *Siren lacertina* and other species of the same genus of amphibious animals. (In a letter from Prof. Barton, of Philadelphia, to John Gottlob Schneider, of Saxony.) Philadelphia, 1821.

Ueber die Bartmündigen enzianarten, (*Gentianæ fauce barbata*) Von Dr. Nees von Esenbeck.

Synopsis Specierum generis *Asterum* per baccarum, &c.—Auctore Chr. Godofred Nees ab Esenbeck, M. D. Erlangæ, 1818.

An account of a new method of making anatomical preparations. By Joseph Swain. London, 1820.

Facts and observations on liver complaints. By John Faithborn, M. D. Philadelphia, 1822.

Mr. Cassin read a "Note on an instinct supposed to be possessed by the Herons, especially the genus *Ardea*, L.," which was referred to Messrs. Phillips, Harris and Gambel.

Prof. Johnson announced to the Academy the decease of our late fellow member, Isaiah Lukens, Esq. After some very appropriate remarks on the character, high qualities and scientific attainments of the deceased, the following resolutions were submitted by him:

Resolved, That this Academy has heard with deep regret the loss it has sustained in the demise of our late able and excellent associate, Isaiah Lukens, one of the earliest members of this institution.

Resolved, That through the whole period of its existence, this Academy has felt the beneficial influence of the personal worth of our late coadjutor, and of his firm, unwavering support of the interests of this institution; of his sound and discriminating judgment in various departments of science; of his constant devotion to knowledge and the useful arts, and of his sincere uncompromising love of truth.

Resolved, That the members of this Academy deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of the deceased in the bereavement they have sustained by the death of our lamented associate; that they recall with a melancholy pleasure the many happy and profitable hours which they have passed in his society; that they dwell with unmixed satisfaction on the memory of his free and generous spirit, ever ready to communicate of his abundant stores of useful knowledge, ever wise and liberal in his estimate of the labors and characters of others, ever modest and reserved in what concerned his own peculiar and distinguished merits.

Resolved, That we cherish a deep sense of the value of that combination of intelligence with useful labor for which our

departed friend was so signally characterized, and cannot withhold the tribute of our admiration from that devotion to duty which found him, as his lamp of life was drawing to its last faint glimmer, still at his post, intent on the fulfilment of a professional service, while his dying breath expressed his gratitude for the privilege of having lived at a period when so much of truth and improvement had been developed in the world, and that in his day and generation he had been permitted to share in the many and varied enjoyments which science and ingenuity had diffused.

Resolved, That a member of the Academy be appointed to prepare a suitable memoir of our departed fellow member.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased, with the heartfelt condolence of the Academy on this mournful occasion.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and Prof. Johnson appointed to prepare the memoir.

Meeting for Business, November 24, 1846.

VICE PRESIDENT WETHERILL in the Chair.

The Monthly Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and adopted.

The Committee on the following paper by Mr. Haldeman, reported in favor of publication.

On several New Genera and Species of Insects.

By S. S. HALDEMAN.

Whilst engaged in making dissections of the mouth of several species of COPRIS for the purpose of learning their true generic character, I was struck with the dissimilarity existing in the labrum. I consider the European COPRIS *lunaris* as the type of the genus, because European naturalists have usually constructed the genera, and the type should be a species whose habits are well known. To prevent confusion, the author who subdivides